

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 03/000056 A (INSPIRE PHARMACEUTICALS INC ; BROWN EDWARD G (US); JONES ARTHUR C (US)) 3 January 2003 (2003-01-03) page 17, line 30 - page 18, line 5; claims 1,2,15 page 6, line 12 - line 21	1,18-56
X	WO 98/18491 A (BURGSTINER JACQUELINE COOK & L) 7 May 1998 (1998-05-07) claims 10,16; examples 1,3	1-10, 18-56
X	US 6 291 533 B1 (FLEISCHNER ALBERT M) 18 September 2001 (2001-09-18) claims 13-15	1-4, 18-27

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 0170, no. 73 (C-1026), 15 February 1993 (1993-02-15) & JP 4 278061 A (SUNTORY LTD), 2 October 1992 (1992-10-02) abstract -----	1-3
X	US 5 973 224 A (FUCHS NORBERT ET AL) 26 October 1999 (1999-10-26) claim 9 -----	1-3
A	JAY G D ET AL: "COMPARISON OF THE BOUNDARY-LUBRICATING ABILITY OF BOVINE SYNOVIAL FLUID, LUBRICIN, AND HEALON" JOURNAL OF BIOMEDICAL MATERIALS RESEARCH, WILEY, NEW YORK, NY, US, vol. 40, no. 3, 5 June 1998 (1998-06-05), pages 414-418, XP000961337 ISSN: 0021-9304 the whole document -----	1-56

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 28-56 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.
2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-56 (all in part)

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising octacosanol in combination with at least one compound selected from elecampagne root, quercetin, L-cysteine, vitamin B1, white oak bark, vitamin B5, aloe vera gel, black cohosh, androstenedione, oat straw, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

2. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising elecampagne root in combination with at least one compound selected from quercetin, L-cysteine, vitamin B1, white oak bark, vitamin B5, aloe vera gel, black cohosh, androstenedione, oat straw, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

3. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising quercetin in combination with at least one compound selected from L-cysteine, vitamin B1, white oak bark, vitamin B5, aloe vera gel, black cohosh, androstenedione, oat straw, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

4. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising L-cysteine in combination with at least one compound selected from vitamin B1, white oak bark, vitamin B5, aloe vera gel, black cohosh, androstenedione, oat straw, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

5. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Compositions comprising vitamin B1 in combination with at least one compound selected from white oak bark, vitamin B5, aloe vera gel, black cohosh, androstenedione, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

6. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising white oak bark in combination with at least one compound selected from vitamin B5, aloe vera gel, black cohosh, androstenedione, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

7. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising vitamin B5 in combination with at least one compound selected from aloe vera gel, black cohosh, androstenedione, oat straw, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

8. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising aloe vera gel in combination with at least one compound selected from black cohosh, androstenedione, oat straw, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

9. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising black cohosh in combination with at least one compound selected from androstenedione, oat straw, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

10. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising androstenedione in combination with at least one compound selected from oat straw, oat straw powder, L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

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11. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising oat straw or oat straw powder in combination with at least one compound selected from L-methionine, shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

12. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising L-methionine in combination with at least one compound selected from shiitake mushroom, bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

13. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising shiitake mushroom in combination with at least one compound selected from bromelain, horsetail, or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

14. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising bromelain in combination with at least one compound selected from horsetail or borage oil, and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

15. claims: 1-56 (all in part)

Compositions comprising borage oil in combination with horsetail and use thereof for lubricating a joint or treating a degenerative joint disorder.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 240

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Although claims 28-56 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.

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